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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES - 1974-75 U.S. LECTURER NOMINATIONS

REF: CIEP MEMO, NOVEMBER 29, 1973

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT EXTEND EMBASSY THANKS CIEP FOR GENERALLY EXCELLENT NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER REF MEMO RECEIVED HERE JANUARY 9. EMBASSY WILL COMMENT ON THOUGHTFUL POINTS RAISED OTHER SECTIONS THIS MEMO VIA O-I CHANNEL ASAP.

2. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED PROPOSED U.S. LECTURER NOMINATIONS IN SOME DETAIL WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING FOR 1974-75: A) THE NOMINEE FOR THE BUCHAREST TEFL POSITION PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY EILEEN SCOTT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TEACH THE SAME COURSES AND TO FILL THE SAME PROFESSIONAL ROLE AS MISS SCOTT; B) THE MINISTRY AND THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE THE AMERICAN LECTURERSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CRAIOVA FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE YEAR ATTEMPTING TO STRENGTHEN ITS TEFL ASPECTS. IN ADDITION, DESPITE SERIOUS EMBASSY RESERVATIONS, THE MINISTRY HAS CHECKED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CLUJ AND OFFICIALS THERE CONFIRM THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO ACCEPT AND TO HOUSE PROFESSOR WILSON AND HIS FAMILY.

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3. IN LIGHT OF (A) ABOVE, VEHVILAINEN NOMINATION POSES

SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM IN THAT HIS PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FAR EXCEED PRACTICAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION (CF. BUCHAREST A-334, NOVEMBER 29 PG. 3 OF ENCL. 1). REICHMAN IS, HOWEVER, IN VIEW BOTH MINISTRY AND EMBASSY, SUPERBLY QUALIFIED FOR BUCHAREST TEFL POSITION WHERE HER BACKGROUND IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ENGLISH WILL MAKE HER A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR SEVERAL ONGOING MINISTRY PROJECTS.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING:

BUCHAREST (TEFL) - REICHMAN
BUCHAREST (LIT) - NOMINATION TO BE FORWARDED
CLUJ (TEFL) - WALL
CLUJ (LIT) - WILSON
IASI (LIT) - TUERK
TIMISOARA (LIT) - HODGEDON
CRAIOVA (TEFL) - NO CANDIDATE

5. UNDER THIS SCENARIO, PRESENT HOUSING FACILITIES FOR U.S. LECTURERS IN PROVINCIAL CITIES WOULD NOT NEED TO BE ALTERED, A CONSIDERABLE UNDERTAKING FOR THE UNIVERSITIES WHICH THE EMBASSY WOULD PREFER TO AVOID WHEN POSSIBLE.

6. FAMILY SIZE OF ALTERNATE BROOK PRECLUDES CONSIDERATION OF HIM FOR CRAIOVA POSITION.

7. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT QUERY VEHVILAINEN TO DETERMINE IF HE IS WILLING ACCEPT APPOINTMENT TO SCOTT POSITION AS CLASSROOM TEACHER OF INTENSIVE ENGLISH. IF REPLY AFFIRMATIVE, EMBASSY WILL RECOMMEND TO MINISTRY THAT REICHMAN BE ASSIGNED CRAIOVA. IF VEHVILAINEN CONSIDERS POSITION TOO RESTRICTIVE, EMBASSY WILL NEED ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE FOR CRAIOVA TEFL POSITION.

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